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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants identify the documents listed on the modified Form PTO 1449 accompanying this submission. The documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 have been cited in the International Search Report in related Application No. PCT/DE00/01875. Copies of these documents have been provided to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the International Searching Authority, therefore, copies are not being provided at this time.

Remarks

Applicants do not concede that the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

Applicants file this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a first Office action on the merits and, therefore, believe that no fee is due in connection with this filing.

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However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any such fee due should Applicants be mistaken.

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